(b) the number of cases pending as on date for payment of rewards to the informers; and

(c) the number of pending cases which relate to Gujarat and Saurashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The guidelines provide for grant of reward to informants who furnish specific information of undisclosed income, wealth, gift and estate duty. Rewards are also given to informers, if the information leads to seizure and / or detection of infringements / evasion of duty under the Custom Act, Central Excise Act and Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

(b) 2302 cases.

(c) 258 cases.

Delhi a new hub of drug trade

1789. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "UN report finds Delhi is new hub of drug trade" which appeared in the Asian Age dated the 29th June, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to tackle effectively the problems mentioned in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proximity to the international border and good air-linkage with other countries make Delhi vulnerable to drug trafficking, which is a clandestine activity. Seizure of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the Delhi region, as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies, do not indicate an overall increasing trend.

(c) Government of India has already taken a number of significant steps to prevent and put effective check on drug trafficking. These include instructions to all drug enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up

enforcement efforts, training to officers, fencing of Indo-Pak border provided with flood lighting, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act, quarterly coordination meetings by NCB, holding of quarterly cross-border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as a part of the border meetings of BSF and Pak Rangers, holding of operational level meetings with Myanmar officials and providing two sniffer dogs and also training dog handlers of Myanmar.

Increase in the non-plan expenditure

†1790. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the non-plan expenditure has been increasing during the decade of nineties;

(b) if not, the details of the non-plan expenditure during 1990-91 and 1999-2000; and

(c) the reasons for this increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The non-plan expenditure has gone up from Rs. 69,857 crore in 1990-91 to Rs. 2,21,902 crore in 1999-2000. However, as a percentage of GDP, the non-plan expenditure has come down from 12.28 per cent in 1990-91 to 11.34 per cent in 1999-2000.

(b) and (c) The details of the non-plan expenditure during 1990-91 and 1999-2000 are as follows:—

(Rs. in crore)

Details	1990-91	1999-2000
Interest Payments	21498	90249
Defence	15426	47071
Subsidies	12158	24706
Pensions	2138	14286
General Services	4711	13842
Social Services	1783	6956
Economic Services	2492	7725
Others	9651	17067
TOTAL:	69857	221902

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.